

Altadena Foothills Conservancy

www.altadenafoothills.org

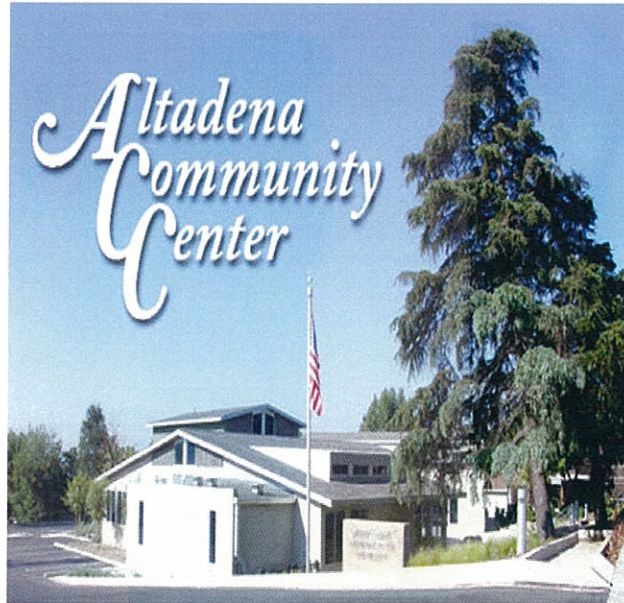
The primary purpose of the Altadena Foothills Conservancy is the conservation of land in the environs of Altadena, California, focusing on the natural foothills that provide a buffer between developed residential neighborhoods and the rugged San Gabriel Mountains. The Conservancy conducts restoration projects and education programs that recognize the importance and uniqueness of our plants and animals in this Mediterranean biome. The Conservancy's mission is to preserve open space and associated trails and historic structures in the environs of Altadena and the San Gabriel foothills.

The Conservancy uses the Community Center primarily for meetings and storage of maps and supplies. Since the Center opened, the Conservancy has held multiple educational meetings open to the public on topics ranging from living with wildlife in the urban-wildlands interface and using native plants in your garden. We have brought in speakers who focus on environmental issues. The Conservancy distributes our brochures and newsletters through the Community Center, increasing our exposure to the community.

The Conservancy holds its monthly board meetings, usually in the evening on the first Friday of each month, in the ACC Conference Room.

The Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group, which is sponsored by the Conservancy, holds its monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the evening in the ACC conference room. All members of the public are invited to these meetings, which start at 7:00 p.m.

(If you wish to contact the organization please email nsteele@altadenafoothills.org)



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The Altadena Community Center is operated by the Department of Community and Senior Services of Los Angeles County. The Center is truly a unique public-private partnership; from the conceptual stage through design and completion of the building, Altadena community members and leaders of civic organizations worked alongside County representatives.

The Altadena Community Center opened its doors on July 12, 2003 with funding provided by County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. The Center serves as a community meeting place and a town hall. It also houses several community based organizations:

AGENCIES

Altadena Chamber of Commerce

(626) 794-3988

<http://abacus-es.com/altadena>

The Altadena Chamber of Commerce provides a source for the Community's residents and businesses for information. The Chamber employs a part-time staff person who answers questions regarding County Services, Businesses and events in the Community. In conjunction with The US Small Business Administration (SBA) (SCORE), the Chamber provides counseling for small businesses. The Chamber hosts an annual "Businesses of Altadena" event that educates the community on the many businesses that serve Altadena residents. This event provides an opportunity for businesses to showcase their business as well as serve as a networking function. The Chamber provides scholarship(s) annually and hosts an annual Scholarship Awards Reception for the recipient(s), parents, school officials, local residents, businesses and legislative representatives serving Altadena.

Altadena Historical Society

(626) 797-8016

www.abacus-es.com/Altadena/history

The Altadena Historical Society (AHS) is one of the oldest volunteer organizations in our community. The archives collection is housed in an 800 square foot area of the Altadena Community Center (ACC) and includes unique historical material: photograph, maps, oral histories, newspapers, books, letters and artifacts. We have an extensive collection on Altadena residents and topics pertaining to our community's history.

The mission of AHS is to gather, preserve, and make available information about the people, places, and events that have shaped the community in the past. Hence, outreach to educate the public is our main purpose. We do this in a number of ways. Visitors to the collection are welcome to use the archives between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Monday or Tuesday, or by appointment. They may also email or phone in research requests. These activities take place in the archives, not in any other part of the center.

The AHS Board meets the second Wednesday of each month, usually at a home of a Board Member. The AHS rarely uses the common areas of the ACC. Our archives committee meets once a month, at 8:30 in the morning at the archives.

The AHS hosts informational programs three times a year for members and the general public on the last Monday of January, April and October for which we reserve the Community Room between 7:00 and 9:00 PM. Between 40 and 90 people attend these programs. The AHS also conducts a summer program, but this program is conducted off-site.



Quality of Life

(626) 798-5433

The Quality of Life Center, Inc., a charitable 501 (c) (3) agency, was established in 2004. The specific purpose of the agency is to institute programs that will educate urban communities on the availability of assistance to low-income, at risk youth and families residing in the Altadena/Pasadena and surrounding areas. The Quality of Life Center, Inc's Mission is supported by many community leaders, such as those currently committed and mentoring in the Bright Futures Scholars Support Program.

Programs include:

Bright Futures Scholars Support Program: Is a program that extends itself to targeted high achieving (3.0+ GPA) students completing high school who have earned the opportunity to quest for success. Program components include: mentoring, tutoring, financial/literacy programs, and youth scholarships.

Smoothing the Rough Edges “Unveiling the Jewels Within”: A pre-training, pre-screening program designed to target individuals' ages 14-25 that need assistance in polishing employment, personal adjustment, professional and marketability skills. Participants are prepared to be competitive in corporate America.

Stars for Strikes: A second chance program that allows juvenile first offenders an opportunity to turn their lives around. Juveniles, referred into the program from the Juvenile Justice System are given an opportunity to redeem themselves, build self-esteem, and develop character while learning to make positive life choices.

Altadena Town Council

www.altadenatowncouncil.org

The Altadena Town Council is an informal community organization established in 1975 to serve as a forum for citizens to express their needs, concerns, and reach consensus on various issues affecting Altadena residents. And to express those views to the appropriate State and County agencies, as well as, the LA County Board of Supervisors; Altadena's governing body.

The Altadena Town Council conducts its General Meetings at the Altadena Community Center (ACC) on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00pm to 10:00pm in the Community Room. Besides the monthly General Meetings, the Altadena Town Council holds various sub-committee meetings as follows:

Land Use Sub-Committee: This sub-committee meets in the ACC Community Room on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00pm to 10pm.

Traffic Sub-Committee: This sub-committee meets in the ACC Community Room on the first Monday of each month from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

(Should you wish to contact the organization please write them in care of the center or you can drop off a message with center staff.)

NAACP

(626) 794-7999

www.naacpaltadena.org

Since its founding in New York in February 1909, the NAACP has become the largest, oldest, strongest, and most effective civil rights organization in America. The principal objectives of the NAACP are to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality for all citizens and to eradicate prejudice in all forms.

The Altadena Branch was chartered into the national association in March 1984 and has served as the Altadena community's civil rights advocate, demanding liberty and justice for all people. The Branch also conducts its General Membership and Executive Committee meetings at the Altadena Community Center, as well as, workshops on education, housing, forecloses and financial aid. The intent of these workshops is to empower individuals with essential life skills.

Altadena Heritage

(626) 798-9687

www.altadenaheritage.com

Altadena Heritage (AH) was established in 1985 to promote preservation and raise consciousness of the community's architectural, natural, and cultural heritage. AH is a California registered non-profit 501(c) iii organization. AH surveyed all Altadena residential and commercial structures built before 1945 to create a database; an invaluable resource, it was one of the first such in the country. Both physical and digitally formatted files are maintained and updated at our office in the Altadena Community Center (ACC), along with an archive of property records, maps, photographs and other historical items. Access to these collections is available, free of charge, to anyone wishing to do research. Our office is staffed two days per week from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Besides in-person assistance, we answer telephone, mail, and e-mail information requests.

AH Board of Directors uses the ACC Conference Room for monthly meetings, as do its sub-committees on projects such as the Newsletter and Special Events Sub-Committees, in total 18 to 20 times a year. AH has used ACC Community Room for past events and plans to use it perhaps once a year in future.

AH stages a number of events each year, including an annual garden party to award “Golden Poppy” plaques for street beautification, designation of heritage areas, architectural home tours, and others focusing on education, issues, or history. AH stores tables, literature, coffee urns, and non-perishable food in the ACC.

As fellow licensed agencies, AH enjoys mutually enriching relations with other ACC licensed agencies.

Sheriff's Support Group of Altadena

(626) 578-8570

www.altadenasheriffs.org

The Sheriff's Support Group of Altadena (SSGA) raises money to supply the Sheriff's Station with major and minor items required to provide better protection for our community that are not readily available during County budget crunches. SSGA is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible.

SSGA keeps the community informed on the activities of law enforcement in Altadena by sponsoring quarterly community forums (held by the Sheriff's at the Altadena Community Center) and, through our website. SSGA produces a free summer concert series in Farnsworth Park to get the community out to meet our Deputy Sheriff's and the Mounted Posse.

Being at the ACC enables us to keep the other agencies informed of our activities who then pass it on to the members of their various groups.

